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TOPIC 1. Intensified Border Control in the Area West of Cheb
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Intensified Border Control in the Area West of Cheb.

1. Prior to mid-June 1952, several undamaged houses in Dubina (Eichelberg N 51/P 27) quartered a PS unit, with an estimated strength of about 70 persons. The wire entanglements in that area were equipped with insulators after early June 1952. The construction of electrical lines in this area was also observed from Bavarian territory. *

Barracks Installation under Construction near Vimperk.

2. Prior to early 1952, a large building site was seen about 1,500 meters west of Vimperk (Winterberg N 50/2 46) on the south side of the road to Zdikov (N 50/2 37). that a barracks installation was under construction there. About ten low wooden buildings were first erected on either side of the road to quarter the soldiers working on the site. These soldiers wore black epaulets. Bricks, sand and other construction material was continuously shipped to the site until early 1952. The deforestation of the woods there was still in progress.

3. In July, a military installation consisting of two three-story buildings was under construction in the woods near Zakupy (O 51/F 85). Two old buildings located near the building site and a number of low wooden buildings were occupied by soldiers.

AAA and Infantry Unit in Plzen.

4. Prior to November 1951, the Na Slovanech barracks installation located in the southeastern edge of Plzen (N 50/L 04), was occupied by an AAA battalion consisting of three gun batteries and a search light battery wearing black collar patches and an infantry unit with red collar patches. the installation also quartered a school for motorized units.

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The installation consisted of more than 50 buildings. Additional buildings were still under construction. Two radar sets were seen in the barracks area in September 1951. The training area of the battalion was about 3 km southeast of the barracks, near the Ostra Murka hill. Field positions and a mast, about 30 meters high, were seen in the training area.

5. In October 1950, a radar station was observed about 10 km. to the west of the village of Mevid (N 50/L 23). The radar set was very large. Its four props ran on a circular track and each was driven by an electric motor (see).

* Comment. Dubina is carried as a post of a border guard company. The average strength of a company is 50 soldiers. The information contained in the present report does not definitely indicate that the increased occupation in Dubina is for border guard purposes. It is possible that elements of a labor company were committed to this post for the construction of obstacles.

** Comment. Previous reports [redacted] ILLEGIB among other units, the 15th [redacted] a motor transport battalion and a drivers school. See [redacted]

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